The 81st meeting of the American Malacological Society (AMS) will take place from August 28th to 31st, 2015 at the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS) in Pellston, Michigan. The program will include symposia, contributed talks and posters, possible workshops, an auction to earn funds to support student research in malacology, social events and opportunities for local field trips. Information on meeting registration, events, schedules, accommodations and submission of titles will be presented on the AMS website (http://www.malacological.org/) in early 2015. Please contact Tom Duda (tfduda@umich.edu) for further information or if you are interested in organizing a workshop or symposium to be held at the meeting.

The UMBS, the meeting's venue, is nestled "up north" adjacent to Douglas Lake, one of the many inland lakes of Michigan, on approximately 10,000 acres of mostly secondary-growth forest near the northern edge of Michigan's Lower Peninsula (about 20 minutes south of the Mackinac Bridge). With about 150 buildings on site, including an auditorium and a large seminar room, classrooms, laboratories, cabins, dorm rooms, a dorm lounge and a dining hall, the station has served students and researchers for over 100 years (see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs for more information on the UMBS). The self-contained and relatively rustic setting of the meeting should create an informal and lively camp-like atmosphere that will provide plenty of opportunities for interactions and conversation and impromptu field excursions. We look forward to seeing you "up north" next year!